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STRUGGLE

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SUMMARY. FURTHER HINTS OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL AGITATION ARE
CONVEYED IN A CURRENT KWANTGUNG EDITORIAL. END SUMMARY.

1. THAT HINT OF MASS AGITATION IN THE AIR IN CHINA, NOTED IN
REFTEL, IS CHARACTERIZED IN A SOUTHERN DAILY EDITORIAL BROADCAST
BY KWANGTUNG RADIO NOVEMBER 14. OSTENSIBLY AIMED AT JACKING UP
RURAL CADRE, THE EDITORIAL DECLARES THAT CLASS ENEMIES "DARE TO
CONDUCT SABOTAGE...AND CAPITALIST FORCES...EMERGE" IN SOME
LOCALITIES BECAUSE CADRE ARE STILL BEING "HIT BY SUGAR-COATED
BULLETS." SOME HAVE NOT "ACCEPTED THE EXPERIENCES AND LESSONS OF
THE SUCCESSIVE POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS, PARTICULARLY THE GREAT
PROLETARIAN CULTURAL REVOLUTION."

2. "LET US SEE WHETHER YOU DARE TO GRASP AND LAUNCH STRUGGLES*,"

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THE EDITORIAL SAYS, CALLING UPON "EACH PARTY MEMBER AND EACH

REVOLUTIONARY CADRE" TO FACE " A SEVERE TEST" POSED IN THE CURRENT
STURGGLE BETWEEN THE TWO LINES. REITERATING THAT ERRANT CADRE
MUST BE HELPED AND EDUCATED, THE EDITORIAL ADDS: "HOWEVER, THIS
DOES NOT MEAN THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO RECTIFY TH CADRES'
IDEOLOGY...IT IS NECESSARY TO UNFOLD ACTIVE IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE...
IT IS NECESSARY TO LIFT THE LID OFF THE CLASS STRUGGLE." THIS
LATTER PHRASE, FAMILIAR DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, IS
REPEATED TWICE IN THE EDITORIAL.

3. THE EDITORIAL'S CALL FOR POLITICAL ACTIVISM MAY BE DIRECTED
SOLELY AT CONSERVATISM AMONG RURAL CADRE. ALTERNATIVELY, IT COULD
BE ORATORY AIMED SHORT-TERM AT INFLUENCING DECISIONS PRESENTLY
BEFORE THE LEADERSHIP. IT IS TOO EARLY TO JUDGE THE EXTENT TO
WHICH IT HINTS AT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BROADER NEO-CULTURAL
REVOLUTION CAMPAIGN.
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